

Remarks/Arguments

The Office Action states that the Action is not final, and that claims 15, 16, 25-26 and 41 are pending, with claims 27-29 being previously withdrawn from consideration. Claims 15, 16, 25, 26, and 41 are only rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention, but are allowable over the prior art of record.

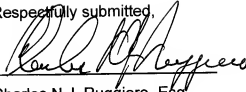
Applicants thank the Examiner for having proposed amended independent claim 16 and dependent claim 41 to help Applicants obviate the outstanding 112 rejection. Applicants have amended these claims as proposed by the Examiner, except for one instance, namely Applicants have deleted the word "that" from the first wherein clause of claim 16.

Accordingly, present independent claim 16 and dependent claim 41 are allowable. Claims 15, 25, 26, and 41 depend from independent claim 16 and are allowable with claim 16. Since withdrawn claims 27, 28 and 29 also depend from independent claim 16, Applicants again request rejoinder and allowance of these withdrawn claims with independent claim 16.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, independent claim 16 and claims 15, 25 through 29 and 41 which depend from claim 16 are clearly allowable. Thus, Applicants respectfully request the allowance of all claims of

this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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